| Year | Particulars | Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in Lakhs) | Amount Released (Rs. in Lakhs) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1995-% | Wayside Amenities | 20.82 | 11.00 |
| 1999-2000 | Tourist Ayurvedic Health Centre | 7.50 | 2.25 |

**Decrease in foreign tourist arrival in Jammu and Kashmir, NE Region,. Gujarat and Rajasthan**

4120. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CU LTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the arrival of foreign tourist in the States of Jammu and Kashmir, North-Eastern Region, Gujarat and Rajasthan have decreased during the year 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 so far compared to the corresponding years;

(b) if so; the reasons therefor, and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) According to the information received from State Governments, there has been a positive growth in the visits of foreign tourists in the States of Rajasthan, Gujarat and Northeastern Region in the year 2000 as compared to the year 1999. In Jammu & Kashmir, there was a decline in the visits of foreign tourists in the same period. There has been a positive growth in the visits of foreign tourists in Jammu & Kashmir and Assam upto July 200! as compared to the corresponding period of the year 2000. Figures for the year 2001 in respect of other States are not available.

(b) The decline in the visits of foreign tourists during the year 2000 in the State of Jammu and Kashmir was due to the prevailing conditions in the State.

(c) The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has deployed Tourist Police for round the clock vigil over tourist resorts, hotels, tourist spots and routes leading to tourist resorts etc. The interest of tourists visiting Jammu and Kashmir is also protected by a special legislation called Jammu and Kashmir Registration of Tourist Trade Act.